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For: THERAPEUTIC SLING SEAT

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the restriction and/or election requirement dated February 11, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended). A sling seat, comprising:

~~a plurality of flexible layers of material, with each layer having a top side, a bottom side, a front edge, a rear edge, and a pair of generally parallel side edges, with each side edge of said layers fastened together to form a pair of generally parallel side seams;~~

~~and a support for separately supporting each side seam to form a sling seat,~~

~~characterized in that each of said flexible layers of material has a non-uniform stiffness, and at least one flexible pad is located between at least two of said layers of material.~~